



**File Code:** 1570-1 (215)  
#08-01-00-0088  
**Date:** March 26, 2008

Joe Jepson  
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Dear Mr. Jepson:

I have received your appeal of the South Belts Travel Plan Decision Notice signed by the Helena National Forest Supervisor (Townsend Ranger District).

Regretfully, I must dismiss your appeal without review in accordance with 36 CFR 215.16. Your appeal fails to meet the content requirements of 36 CFR 215.14 as it does not:

1. Provide sufficient project- or activity-specific rationale, focusing on the decision, to show why the Responsible Official's decision should be reversed [(36 CFR 215.14(a)); and
2. Identify specific changes in the decision that the appellant seeks and rationale for those changes [(36 CFR 215.14((b)(6)); and
3. Indicate why you believe the Responsible Official's decision failed to consider the public's comments [36 CFR 215.14(b)(8)]; and
4. Did not state why you believe the decision specifically violates law, regulation, or policy [(36 CFR 215.14(b)(9)].

This decision is the final administrative determination of the Department of Agriculture and is not subject to higher level review [36 CFR 215.18(c)].

Sincerely,

/s/ Ray G . Smith (for)  
KATHLEEN A. MCALLISTER  
Appeal Deciding Officer

cc:  
Helena NF

